

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following Listing of Claims will replace all prior versions of Claims in the Application.

1. (canceled).
2. (currently amended) A method for controlling the rate of hair growth in a dog or cat in need thereof and which receive a properly nutritious diet ~~dog, cat, or sheep~~ comprising feeding the dog or cat ~~dog, cat or sheep~~ from about ~~0.5~~ 0.1 to about 4.5 mg of selenium per kg of the diet on a dry matter basis.
3. (canceled).
4. (canceled).
5. (canceled).
6. (new) The method of claim 2 wherein the rate of hair growth is increased.
7. (new) The method of claim 6 wherein the dog or cat has poor hair growth, alopecia or has been subjected to direct hair removal.